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CABINET IS FOR MODIFIED FORM OF COMPULSION

Stated On Excellent Authority British Cabinet Decides On Modified Measure for Introduction In House of Commons

MARRIED MEN ARE FAVORED

Application of Force May Be Necessary Before All Eligible Single Men Are Effectually Brought to the Colors

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power should it be found needed to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure an agreement of all the ministers upon the question of the voluntary system versus conscription was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible men are effectually brought to the colors.

Therefore it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a bill should be introduced in parliament in order that the government might have the necessary power should it be found that no other course was effective to this end.

Premier Asquith is expected to make a statement on the whole question in the house of commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week and announce the speedy introduction of a bill of a permissible character, making service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to enlist under the Derby scheme.

The anti-conscriptionist ministers offered strong opposition, and it is still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely now.

The line of policy upon which a majority of the ministers agreed indicating that some, at least, of the anti-conscriptionist section of the cabinet so far waived their principle as to consent to a modified application of force, is as follows:

"First, that the premier's pledge to married men is binding on the whole government.

"Second, that the pledge should be redeemed forthwith.

"Third, that the principle of conscription should be accepted.

"Fourth, that the premier should announce this policy at the earliest opportunity after the reassembling of parliament."

It is believed that the actual formal resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting of the cabinet on Thursday, and that in the short interval Mr. Asquith will be employed in exerting the strongest influences to avert dismemberment of his cabinet. It is still possible that a crisis may be avoided.

The cabinet held another two and one-half hours' session today, devoted, presumably, mainly to the recruiting problem.

There are likely to be several further meetings before a final decision is reached and made public.

In view of Premier Asquith's recent announcement in the house of

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ENTENTE FORCE COOPED UP AT SALONIKI AND ATTENTION NEEDLESS

Central Powers Inclined to Regard It An Advantage to Let Entente Troops Remain Inactive At Saloniki

LONDON, Dec. 28.—There has been considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past twenty-four hours, but the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance in weeks. Dispatches from both Germanic and entente sources agree that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Saloniki is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier.

The Associated Press Vienna correspondent declares that the central powers have come to regard any offensive against Saloniki as a less promising than an assault and no advantage. The central powers are inclined to regard the long entente force at Saloniki as safely cooped up, useless and inactive and that therefore it would be an advantage to the central powers to let it remain there.

On the western front the German official communication admits a French advance on Briezelin, but gives no details. There also has been another activity in the Vosges district with intense artillery fighting along the whole front of Briezelin-Wieberg.

Vienna reports the Russian attacking fiercely on the Dniester and in Bessarabia. The Austrian communication speaks of the Russians advancing in several lines fifteen or sixteen deep, which the artillery broke up with huge Russian loss.

A dispatch from a German source says:

"A terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia."

The German campaign in the Near East and beyond, according to

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AMERICAN FLAG REMOVED AND RED CROSS FOOD TAKEN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A dispute between the state department from Sofia said the Bulgarian foreign office had promised to investigate the charge that Bulgarian troops invading Serbia formally entered the home of Dr. C. Porte, an American engaged in Red Cross work at Monastir, and besides taking a quantity of flour took away an American flag which the physician had placed over his door. He told the Bulgarians they would have to break in forcibly if they wanted it. Subsequently, during the course of the party, he opened the door and the Bulgarians then entered with fixed bayonets. The American flag and part of the supplies were seized.

Mrs. Walton Fawcett, who attempted to negotiate this and her subsequent release, was released without any trouble, and she remained a quantity of flour, took away an American flag which the physician had placed over his door. He told the Bulgarians they would have to break in forcibly if they wanted it. Subsequently, during the course of the party, he opened the door and the Bulgarians then entered with fixed bayonets. The American flag and part of the supplies were seized.

Today's dispatch brings the first official news of the incident, came from Lewis Einstein, special agent of the state department. It was summarized by the department as follows:

"Stuart and Langdon of American Red Cross, who know Dr. Porte and who recently were in Sofia, inform me that when the Serbs left Porte with great courtesy,

the craft forcibly took possession and the saluted from San Pedro for Mexican waters, was indicated today when Adm. Cameron McRae Winslow, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, was requested by radio to have American warships now in patrol in southern waters, keep a sharp lookout for the vessel.

Complaints have been issued against five officers and three seamen by Assistant United States Attorney Gallagher. It is charged that early Sunday morning the vessel, lying at San Pedro, was taken by force and violence from the custody of Deputy United States Marshal Edward Sprague, following an admiralty trial for debt instituted by the San Pedro machine works and the Standard Oil Company.

According to word received here today by federal officials, the vessel was seized in Monterey bay after the crew of the craft had successfully landed eighteen Chinese rebels, John Pettingill and Fred Fox, members of the Calypso crew were apprehended, pleaded guilty and served a term in the penitentiary for this smuggling offense. Bill Fox, a brother of Fred, escaped to Mexico.

A lengthy letter from Secretary Lansing reached the president during the day. It is understood to have given a review of international affairs, discussing particularly the situation growing out of Austria's methods of submarine warfare.

Among the messages of congratulations was one signed by all the members of the cabinet.

TROOP TRAIN WRECKED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) PHOENIX, Dec. 28.—Eighteen soldiers were killed and 47 injured when a train loaded with men returning from their Christmas furloughs was derailed at the Benson station today.

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SUBSTITUTE FOR RUBBER

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) VIENNA, Dec. 28.—The announcement that a German professor has succeeded in making synthetic rubber from chemicals has brought to light here the fact that an Austrian engineer named von Dunikowski two months ago applied for a patent on a tire consisting of wood fiber and certain binders.

The specifications show that the tire uses the old pneumatic principle in every detail, there being an inner tube and an outer tire. The main material is willow and birch fiber. What the binder consists of has not been revealed, but expectation is that no rubber whatever is used.

It was announced today that a motor car fitted with new tires ran 100 miles under adverse conditions and the tires showed no signs of undue wear.

GIBBONS FAVERS BILLY SUNDAY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—With the consent of Cardinal Gibbons, the prayer meeting convention of the Sunday School Union management will send a letter to the Catholic clerics of the city asking their cooperation in a drive for the success of the Sunday campaign in Baltimore. This announcement was made today at the meeting of the executive committee by the Rev. Dr. George C. Peck, who with the Rev. Dr. D. St. Croix had been appointed a committee to call on the clerics.

The cardinal, according to Dr. Peck, said he was glad to approve Mr. Sunday's scheme of devoting in certain great cities neglected by many modern clerics and stated that he had no objection to the suggested letter being addressed to the clerics of his church.

THE SPRINGS FIX UP MARTIAL FUSS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 28.—The martial trouble between Mrs. Curtis Springs and her millionaire husband of Berkeley, John H. Spring, ended last night in a reconciliation, according to a signed statement said to have been made by the parties concerned. Counted for Mrs. Spring who earlier today brought suit to nullify an alleged transfer of title to the San Jose Spring home in Encino to Spring during his wife's absence, were notified by Mrs. Spring to drop the action.

Mrs. Genesee Ecker, a former nurse in the Spring household, said she was delighted "the way it all turned out."

Spring was reported to have announced before his wife arrived here from Honolulu yesterday that "he was in love with Mrs. Ecker, and that probably Mrs. Spring would obtain a divorce."

The operations may possibly not be resumed. Nothing positive regarding further military plans can be

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